



# CHRIST CHURCH AMONG THE OAKS

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**March 19, 2023      9:00 a.m.**

A second worship site for Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m.      Vicar: The Rev. Sandy Tull  
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Opening Hymn

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light!*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

# Welcome Guests and Newcomers

*We welcome all people to this worshiping community and encourage all to receive Holy Communion. We are informal and quietly focused in our worship. Our multi-denominational makeup shapes our liturgy to be as open and “visitor friendly” as possible. This young community of faith feels called to serve the people in this community, to celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ, and to reach out to all as God’s grace empowers us.*

**Servant Board:** Paula Allmen, Mike Cleary, Steve Harrison, Claire Heusinger, Deborah Pearsall, Stan Sundermeyer and Jenny Weeks, warden.

**Presider:** Mother Sandy Tull

**Musician:** Boril Ivanov

**Vocalist:** Claire Heusinger

*We encourage our guest to fill out a welcome card today!*

*We are glad you are with us and look forward to worshiping with you often.*

**Prelude** *Medley*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light!*

## Opening Sentences

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People** **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

## The Confession

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Kyrie

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have  
Ky - ri - e E - lei - son, \_\_\_\_\_ Chri - ste E - lei - son, \_\_\_\_\_ Ky - ri - e E -  
Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have

6  
mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_  
lei - son, \_\_\_\_\_ Chri - ste E - lei - on, \_\_\_\_\_  
mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_

### The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

*Lector* A reading from the First Book of Samuel

16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23**

*Lector*      The Lord is my shepherd; \*

**People**      **I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## Second Reading

*Lector* A reading from Paul's Letter to Ephesians

5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## The Gospel

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

9:1-41

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Gospeler*     The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily**     The Rev Sandy Tull

**Meditative Interlude**



## The Prayers of The People, Form IV

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide and strengthen all our ministry partners: St Gerard's Campus, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm, South Woods Elementary, Learn to Read, Pie in the Sky and Council on Aging, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for all people.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## Prayers for the Hurting World

**All** God of peace and justice, We pray this day for all peoples around the world who are suffering from war, famine, floods, fires and from other devastations. We pray for all those who fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power, for wisdom and discernment to aid the people in distress and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold them and protect them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

## Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Holy Communion

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## Offertory

### The Presentation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Distribution of Communion**

*All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive Communion.*

### **Communion Music**

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.**

### **Sending the Eucharistic Visitors**

*When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood

**People We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**The Blessing** *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works God of Praise*

### **Closing Hymn**

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God,**

**Postlude** *Medley*

Closing Hymn

*How Wondrous and Great Thy Works God of Praise*

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

# Announcements

## Just a Closer Walk, Bible Study

Our Just a Closer Walk self-guided Bible Study continues in March with thoughtful readings and questions for you to consider during Lent. The guide sheets are available at the welcome table and will refer you to both scripture readings and other sources for inspiration. If you need a Book of Common Prayer at home please see Mother Sandy or Steve - they are free and we encourage you to keep one handy!

## Lenten walk, Lenten booklets

To enhance your Lenten walk, Lenten booklets are available at church. If you wish an online source from Episcopal Relief and Development, <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent>.

## Holy Week at the Oaks

**Palm Sunday, 9:00 AM April 2** - we will begin worship outside "among the oaks" with the Liturgy of the Palms. We will then have our traditional Palm Sunday procession into the church for the reading of the Passion and our worship service.

**Good Friday, 12:00 Noon April 7** - this service at the Oaks, marks the crucifixion of Jesus and his glorious rise from the dead, insuring forgiveness and marking the very foundation of our faith in God.

**Easter, 9:00 AM April 9** - our Easter celebration of the Risen Lord will take place at our home Among the Oaks. Special music, flowers, candles and more, will mark this Easter morning as a time of joy and fulfilled hearts. Stay after the service for celebration and fellowship featuring beverages and homemade treats --- made by you! We invite everyone to bring a plate of your favorite Easter brunch pastries and treats....or a box of donuts will be great too. We will provide lemonade, tea, water, and classic brunch cocktails.

## Offerings Online

Forgot to bring cash or write a check??? We now have a QR code in the bulletin for safe, quick, and easy online giving. You will be automatically directed to the Christ Church giving page where you can enter your information one time and it will be saved for future giving.

## Pass The Plate

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# Our Outreach Liaisons

## **Learn to Read**

Improving literacy for over 200 individuals each year at no cost to the student. Improved reading skills lead to better paying jobs, higher levels of education, healthier lifestyles, and a better overall community.

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## **St. Gerard's Campus**

A non-profit maternity home and Christian high school for pregnant teenagers, promoting empowerment through education and strong Christian values.

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## **St. Francis Housing Crisis Center / Port in the Storm**

Engaging those experiencing homelessness to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and a viable plan for their future by providing a safe, stable environment, access to essential services, and supportive connections.

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## **Council on Aging**

Provides the opportunity for every person in St. Johns County to enjoy wellness, longevity and quality of life choices within a strong, healthy community.

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## **Pie in the Sky Community Alliance of St. John County**

Pie in the Sky is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization providing hope by serving with dignity and respect to alleviate hunger and social isolation through the home delivery of healthy fresh produce to low-income senior citizens.

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## **South Woods Elementary**

Creating a secure community that will instill in all students a desire for academic excellence, fostering the development of caring, productive citizens.

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